

The Director of Central Intelligence

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Lieutenant General James A. Williams, USA
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear General Williams:

I am enclosing a copy of the National HUMINT Collection Plan on International Narcotics for your personal review. As you know, the essential purpose of the Plan is to provide broad intelligence collection guidance for the Intelligence Community in support of the US international narcotics effort. The Plan is based on the conclusions and recommendations of the narcotics intelligence community and was developed under the general auspices of the National Intelligence Officer for Narcotics. Its essential purpose is to provide broad intelligence collection guidance for the Intelligence Community consistent with my duties and responsibilities to the President and the National Security Council as detailed in Executive Order 12333.

DIA's efforts to strengthen its role concerning narcotics intelligence matters are welcomed. The upward revision of narcotics intelligence priorities, which have been made in DIA requirements documents; the designation of [] as the overall DIA point of contact for narcotics intelligence matters; and, as the Plan mentions, DIA's acceptance [] to provide increased intelligence support to the narcotics problem are all encouraging moves. I also understand that the DIA is preparing a report encompassing all military assets current and potential on the narcotics target.

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I have formally asked the Department of State to provide a regular forum for developing and monitoring a comprehensive Mission all-source narcotics intelligence collection strategy and for resolving any coordination problems which might develop. In this regard, I have urged State to ensure that regularly scheduled meetings are held by the Mission in key narcotics-producing and/or transshipment countries so that all members of the Country Team, [] are aware of each other's respective collection needs and responsibilities. With specific guidance from appropriate elements within the Intelligence Community Staff, the Defense Attaches in key narcotics countries should be in a much better position from which to focus on strategic narcotics issues within the general purview of their overall mission.

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Again I am convinced that the Defense Attache system can provide a solid contribution to the country team's perception and assessment of the narcotics problem and am confident that you will continue to make every effort to support the national priorities attached to the narcotics collection effort.

Sincerely,

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John N. McMahon
Acting Director

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